

**In the Claims**

1. (Currently amended) A portable device ~~for receiving an electronic component used for communication by receipt and transmission of wireless signals, the portable device~~ comprising:

an electronic component which receives and transmits wireless signals;

a portable device body for accommodating and enclosing the electronic component therein, the portable device body including an upper case and a lower case, each having a cavity and being made of a non-metal material ~~for permitting~~ which permits receipt and transmission of wireless signals therethrough for communication with the electronic component enclosed in the portable device body without significantly reducing the receiving and transmission capability of the electronic component; and

a holding member for holding peripheral portions of the upper case and the lower case so that the upper case and the lower case are connected to each other with the cavities opposed to each other.

2. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member holds the upper case and the lower case so as to surround the portable device body.

3. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, wherein:

the upper case includes a first flange extending along the peripheral portion of the upper case;

the lower case includes a second flange extending along the peripheral portion of the lower case; and

the holding member has an inner surface including an engaging groove engaged with the first and second flanges when the upper case and the lower case are connected to each other.

4. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, further comprising a seal arranged between the upper case and the lower case.

5. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the portable device body is made of a synthetic resin, and the holding member is made of a metal that is more rigid than the portable device body.

6. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member is made of metal and covers only the peripheral portions of the upper case and the lower case when the upper case and lower case are connected to each other.

7. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member includes a plurality of holding member pieces, wherein adjacent ones of the holding member

pieces are in contact with each other at a location separated from the center of a side of the portable device.

8. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member includes two holding member pieces that are made of the same material and have the same shape, with the two holding member pieces holding the peripheral portions of the upper case and the lower case.

9. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member includes two holding member pieces attached to the portable device in directions intersecting a line perpendicular to the plane of the portable device.

10. (Original) The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member includes two rectangular frame-like pieces attached to the portable device body in directions that are perpendicular to the plane of the portable device.

11. (Currently amended) A portable device ~~for receiving an electronic component used for communication by receipt and transmission of wireless signals, the portable device~~ comprising:

an electronic component which receives and transmits wireless signals;

a portable device body made of a synthetic resin for accommodating the electronic component therein ~~and permitting~~ in which the portable device body permits receipt and transmission of wireless signals therethrough for communication with the electronic component enclosed in the portable device body without significantly reducing the receiving and transmission capability of the electronic component, wherein the portable device body includes an upper case and a lower case, each having a cavity; and

a holding member for detachably holding peripheral portions of the upper case and the lower case so that the upper case and the lower case are connected to each other with the cavities opposed to each other, the holding member being made of metal that is more rigid than the portable device body and including a plurality of holding member pieces, wherein adjacent ones of the holding member pieces are in contact with each other at a location separated from the center of a side of the portable device.